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Examiner Maier:

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Dear Sir:

Your Petitioner, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a registered office at U.S. Route 202, Marlton, New Jersey 08869-0602, represents that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the subject matter disclosed in the above-captioned patent application as evidenced by documents recorded at Reel 011902, Frame 0842 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc. is the owner of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/042,425, filed October 25, 2001, now issued as U.S. Patent 6,686,337 as evidenced by documents recorded at Reel 013985, Frame 0345 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Your Petitioner, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc. hereby disclaims, except as provided below, under the provisions of 35 USC 253 and 37 CFR 1.321 and 3.73, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on application Serial No. 09/900,567 which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior United States Patent No. 6,686,337. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on application Serial No.

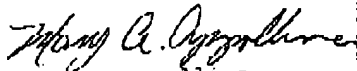
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Signed at New Brunswick, New Jersey this 12 day of February, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,


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